

# NBCC

NATIONAL BREAST CANCER COALITION

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November 4, 1999

The Honorable Thomas A. Coburn  
United States House of Representatives  
Cannon House Office Building 429  
Washington, DC 20515-3602

Dear Representative Coburn:

On behalf of the National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC) and all women living with breast cancer, thank you for supporting passage of H.R. 1070, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act, in the House Commerce Committee. NBCC, its 500 member organizations, and its 60,000 individual members, appreciate your early endorsement and strong support on this legislation. We appreciate your leadership in voting in favor of this important legislation.

Passing this legislation is a top priority for NBCC because if enacted, it could help save the lives of thousands of women across the country – the working poor who make too much to qualify for Medicaid.

These women are screened through CDC's program and then, if diagnosed, left to scramble for charity care. This unreliable deteriorating system must change. As you are aware, screening alone does not prevent breast and cervical cancer deaths – it must be coupled with treatment to truly reduce mortality. NBCC commends you for recognizing that the CDC Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) needs a funded treatment component so that low-income women will not be denied access to the lifesaving treatment they deserve.

Your efforts in moving this bill forward is an important next step toward increasing access to quality health care for women with breast and cervical cancer. We look forward to continuing to work with you toward getting H.R. 1070 enacted.

Sincerely,

  
Fran Visco  
President

*Thank you for all of  
your hard work on behalf  
of women with breast & cervical  
cancer.*